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FROM : Senior Representative,  RSO  
  
SUBJECT: GENERAL— PSYCH/OBTUSE/OBTEST

DATE: JAN. 3 1955

SPECIFIC— Proposed OBTUSE and OBTEST Operations for 1955

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Headquarters' Action Required:

Review and approval of the recommended program.

Synopsis:

1. General remarks regarding 1955 plans.
2. Resistance by the populace will be dominant theme.
3. Overflights using two aircraft at the same time several months during the year.
4. OBTEST activity same as 1954.
5. Mail campaign to be revitalized and improved by Raybould.
6. Aircraft loudspeaker, direct food, clothing and medicine offer by US or NCFA.
7. Aircraft overflight schedule.

Account of Developments:

1. General remarks regarding 1955 plans:

a. Within the limitations of our present information and powers of prognostication, we are submitting the OBTUSE and OBTEST 1955 proposed program for Headquarters' review and approval. This program is somewhat more ambitious, at least so far as OBTUSE is concerned, than that conducted in 1954. During 1954 OBTUSE and OBTEST were largely run by one case officer and two agents.

It has been recently recognized that in attempting to fully utilize all support assets, i.e. two transmitters for several hours daily, and the flight of a C-54 type aircraft every month, the case officer and the two agents overextended themselves with respect to the quality of PW production. With respect to the quality of the leaflet production, it should be noted that although Headquarters guidance of reference, paragraph 10, states to the effect that the imparting of news to the audience which is of significance to them is of sufficient justification for a leaflet raid, it is the feeling of the Field that every OBEEK should in addition contain material which will cause action on the part of the reader, as well as material which will very likely have a harrassing effect on the enemy. The writing of an average of about four new radio scripts per week and the composition of a new OBEEK every month by the present PW

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staff is clearly out of the bounds of what can be accomplished in a satisfactory manner.

b. In order to avoid this overloading of the present OBTUSE/OBTTEST staffs, OBOPUS has recently resolved to have the various members of this desk contribute more to OBTUSE activities (it should be noted, however, that throughout the year the OBTTEST/OBTUSE case officer was amply assisted in the physical work involved in transportation of leaflets and articles to the aircraft, and in the preparation of articles for drops). Steps have already been taken in this direction by the transferring of the mail campaign activities to Raybould, and in the constructive criticism and suggestions by all OBOPUS personnel toward the improvement of the original draft of the January OBKEEK submitted by the OBTUSE/OBTTEST case officer. Headquarters has also taken steps to attempt to recruit two additional agents for the PW slots. It should be noted, however, that AIPOET may emigrate to Canada during the coming year, and the precarious health of RNADUANA may again cause a personnel crisis. The program submitted below assumes that Headquarters and OBOPUS will be able to fill in the slots now vacant in the OBTUSE/OBTTEST projects in the near future, and that OBOPUS personnel will contribute to the OBTUSE not only in constructive criticism but also in submitting actual ideas or outlines of articles for inclusion in various leaflets. It is consequently a maximum possible program which is submitted below.

2. Dominant Themes:

a. The predominant theme which will be stressed during 1955 will be united, albeit largely of the passive type, resistance. The Albanian people must be made to realize that they cannot merely wait passively for liberation from without, but that they possess resources within which can contribute to a large degree in the accomplishment and hastening of the day of liberation. The formation of clandestine cells, the escape to the Free World with documents and valuable information, the simple non-violent sabotage of machinery, the hiding of crops, the resistance to collectivization, the aiding of our Fighters for Freedom, are themes which will be stressed and described over and over again in the leaflets of 1955. The theme of hope and belief in the inevitability of liberation as indicated by various Communist defeats and Free World victories throughout the world, the solace and promise of religious faith, and the activities of the NCFA are the other important themes.

b. It is understood that every OBKEEK, in addition to a special feature emphasizing the dominant themes, will contain the latest internal and external

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news interpreted in the light of the aspirations and struggle of the Albanian people for freedom. In addition every OBKEEK will contain an appeal and instructions for united, passive (as a minimum) resistance. Names of Sigurimi agents and biographies of criminal communists and a condemnation or warning will also be regularly included in the OBKEEKS. Commemoration of important events (e.g. Flag Day, May Day, religious holidays, Soviet-Nazi pact) will also be a regular OBKEEK feature. Simple sabotage instructions will be given in special leaflets having no apparent sponsor.

c. Insofar as the other objectives received in Headquarters exceedingly helpful guidance of reference are concerned, we will constantly endeavor to utilize these courses of action as often as possible.

3. Overflights:

a. Examination of attachment, "Aircraft Overflight Schedule for 1955," will reveal that we recommend increasing the number of our overflights by the addition of the B-26 aircraft on four of our monthly flights. The addition of the B-26 flight will increase both the safety and the dramatic effect of our flights because it will permit us to fly more frequently over such danger spots as Tirane, Korce, and Vlone and at the same time accomodate us on spot leaflets such as those addressed to the "voluntary workers on the Mati Dam" and those urging sabotage of the oil pipes in the Kucove oil fields.

b. It is intended to slightly decrease the future size of the OBKEEKS (now approximately 8" x 11") in order to increase the difficulty of the enemy security forces in gathering the leaflet and to provide more copies per drop. No substantial decrease in size is anticipated, however, since all refugees inform us that they would rather have a large leaflet which contained as much information as possible for their starved minds. The refugees also stated that it is easy for anyone to fold a large leaflet and thus conceal it effectively.

c. All our present intelligence indicates a favorable evaluation on the beneficial PW effect of article drops, consequently it is intended to intensify the dropping of hard goods and clothing material such as socks, shirts, children's clothing, etc. during the coming year. The extent of this project will depend on budgetary consideration, Headquarters' support as requested in SGAA-12925, and OBTUSE's recent request of assistance of the Station's logistics section in locating an appropriate automatic stamping or labeling equipment for putting a PW message on hard goods and clothing material packaged in Germany or elsewhere. Regime reaction and impact on the populace are also to be taken into consideration.

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4. OBTEST: In accordance with interference by jammers and seasonal variation in propagation, it is intended to vary the number of new scripts written per week from five to two depending on the season, jamming reports and other information.

5. Mail Campaign: With the assumption of responsibility of the mail campaign by Raybould, we feel that more attention will be paid to intelligence leads for possible exploitation by this media, as well as the use of greater care and imagination in its execution.

6. Other Possible Activities: Among other possible PW activities which may be feasible are the use of loudspeakers mounted on balloons or aircraft similar to those used in the Korean conflict, the offer of food, medicines and clothing either by the NCFA or by the U.S. Government to Albania, and the intrusion of the Albanian Home Service Telegraphic Service by our KUCLUB facilities. The first of these activities will be discussed more fully by [ ] in a future dispatch to Headquarters, the second activity is largely a matter of Headquarters decision and the third activity is presently being investigated by KUCLUB. Current Field views on the matter of food distribution are being prepared in reply to [ ] 7128, 12 October 1954.

7. It is our belief that we have the facilities and the capability of successfully executing the above outlined program and that it represents a stepped up plan with emphasis in the right direction.

Attachment:

Aircraft Overflight Schedule for 1955

Rmw RSD HRM  
RMW/RSO/HRM/nkr  
21 December 1954

Distribution:

- 3 - Wash w/att in trip
- 1 - Chrono w/att
- 1 - [ ] w/att
- 1 - XO w/att
- 2 - OBOPUS w/att in dupl (1 ret.)

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OBTUSE Aircraft Overflight Schedule 1955

Month	Leaflet	Subject Matters Emphasized	Number	Where Produced	Number Planes	Moon Period
Jan	Jan OBKEEK Nov. OBKEEK Gift Articles	Dulles Message Flag Day	500,000 200,000 5,000	MKTOPAZ MKTOPAZ C □	1	Moon
Late Jan or early Feb	Jan OBKEEK	Dulles Message	1 million	MKTOPAZ	1	Off moon
March	Mar OBKEEK	Clandestine Cell Instructions & Other forms of United Passive Resistance	1 million	MKTOPAZ	2	Moon
	A-2	Warning to Soviets	250,000	MKTOPAZ		
	A-1	Defection Leaflet	250,000	MKTOPAZ		Off moon
April	Apr OBKEEK	Religious and United Resistance appeal	1 million	MKTOPAZ	1	Moon
	Gift Article		2,000	C □		
May	May OBKEEK	May Day Message for Workers	1 million	MKTOPAZ	1	Off moon
	A-3	Oil Field Sabotage	250,000	C □		
June	A-4	Appeal to Youth being Recruited for Voluntary Labor	500,000	C □	2	Moon
	A-5	Appeal to the Army	500,000	C □		
	Article Drops for the youth and Army		2,000			
July	July OBKEEK	United Resistance	1 million	MKTOPAZ	1	Off moon
August	Aug OBKEEK A-6	Machinery Sabotage	1 million 250,000	MKTOPAZ C □	2	Moon

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Sept	A-7 Article Drop	Appeal to Peasants	1 million 2,000	□ □	1	Off moon
Oct	A-8	Clandestine Operations booklet	250,000	Washington	1	Off moon
	A-1 (modified) Article Drop	Defection Leaflet	250,000 1,000	□ □		
Nov	Nov OBKEEK Articles	Flag Day	1½ million 1,000	MKTOPAZ	2	Moon
Dec	Articles Stamp-size Slogans		5,000 10 million	□ □ MKTOPAZ	1	Off moon

Targets: It is desirable that Albania's major population centers around Tirane, Korce, Shkoder, Vlone, Durres, and Gjinokaster be hit at least ten times in 1955. In order, however, to decrease the danger of such frequent aircraft drops in these areas it is recommended that whenever the second aircraft B-26 (the C-54 is assumed to go on all the raids) is used as requested above, that the flight path include one or more of the major cities. Thus the C-54 need not hit the major cities more than six or seven times per year. The B-26 should also be used on raids dropping small special leaflets like the A-2, A-3, A-4, and A-6 which will have only two or three target areas. All other relatively important Albanian towns and population centers such as Kukes, Pukes, Burrel, Elbasan, Berat, Tepelene, Himare, Klos, Fier, Kruje, Lushnje, Peqin, Gramsh, Lesh, Martenesh, Mati Dam, Kucove, Vithkuq, Prosek, Gurabarth, Maliq, Sarande, Delvine, Bilsht, Toplane, Muhur, Librazdh, Peza e Vogel, Hoxhaj and Peqin will be on the flight path from three to four times per year.

Insofar as the place of production of leaflets is concerned, it should be noted that if the □ □ printing establishment is able to establish itself and produce as it is hoped in 1955, then several of the OBKEEKS scheduled above as printed in MKTOPAZ will be printed in □ □

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